



LEAH PURCELL

FILM

THE DROVER'S WIFE

Role: Molly Johnson

Dir: Leah Purcell, Bunya Productions 2020

THE LAST CAB TO DARWIN

Role: Sonya

Dir: Jeremy Sims, Last Cab Productions 2015

THE DARKSIDE

Role: Brenda

Dir: Warwick Thornton. The Darkside Project P/L 2013

MY MISTRESS

Role: Audrey

Dir: Stephen Lance, Mini Studios 2014

SHE. SAY (Short)

Role: Lead

Dir: Leah Purcell, premiered at Sydney Film Festival 2012

TOMORROW

Role: Laura

Dir: Simon Portus. Swing Wing P/L 2009

JINDABYNE

Role: Carmel (Main cast)

Dir: Ray Lawrence, April Films 2006

THE PROPOSITION

Role: Queenie (Main cast)

Dir: John Hillcoat, Producer: Robert Jones 2005

PREJUDICE

Role: Leah

Dir: Nathan Ramsay, Tropfest Film 2005

SOMERSAULT **Winner, AFI Best Film Award 2004

Role: Diane

Dir: Cate Shortland, Producer: Jan Chapman 2004

LENNIE CAHILL SHOOT THROUGH

Role: Dr Sarah Lancaster

Dir: Paul Oliver, Producer: Charlie Doane 2003

BEGINNINGS *Winner, Dendy Short Film Award 2002

Role: Constable

Dir: Husein Alicajic, Sydney Film Festival 2002

LANTANA **Winner, AFI Best Film Award 2001

Role: Detective Claudia Weiss (Leading role)

Dir: Ray Lawrence, Jan Chapman Productions 2001

SOMEWHERE IN THE DARKNESS

Role: Lulu

Dir: Paul Fenech, Livewire Films 1999

BOX (Short)

Role: Anna (lead role)

Dir: Catriona McKenzie, ABC TV 1997

PATHOLOGY MAN (Short)

Role: Leigh Sherrie

Dir: Paul Fenech

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TELEVISION

WENTWORTH (Series 8)

Role: Rita Connors

Dir: Various, Fremantle Media / Foxtel 2020

WENTWORTH (Series 7)

Role: Rita Connors

Dir: Various, Fremantle Media / Foxtel 2019

WENTWORTH (Series 6)

Role: Rita Connors

Dir: Various, Fremantle Media / Foxtel 2018

BLACK COMEDY (Series 3)

Role: Guest Cast

Dir: Beck Cole & Steven McGregor, Scarlett Pictures / ABC 2018

BLACK COMEDY (Series 2)

Role: Detective Graham (SCU)
& Aunty Mary (The Elders)

Dir: Beck Cole & Erica Glynn, Scarlett Pictures / ABC 2017

JANET KING (Series 2)

Role: Heather (main cast)

Dir: Peter Andrikidis, Screentime / ABC 2016



LOVE CHILD (Series 3)

Role: Daisy

CLEVERMAN

Role: Helen

MARY: THE MAKING OF A PRINCESS (Telemovie)

Role: Toni Klan

HOUSE OF HANCOCK

Role: Hilde Kickett

LOVE CHILD (Series 2)

Role: Daisy

THE AGONY OF MODERN MANNERS

Guest interviewee

REDFERN NOW (Series 2) "Pokies"

Role: Grace

REDFERN NOW (Series 1) "Family"

Role: Grace (Lead)

MY PLACE

Role: Ellen

McLEODS DAUGHTERS

Role: Terri Barker (Lead guest)

LOVE MY WAY (Series 3)

Role: Caroline (semi-regular)

STARTER WIFE

Role: Hannah Sprints

BAD COP, BAD COP (Series 1)

Role: Lorraine Simpson

BEASTMASTER (Series 3)

Role: The Black Apparition

BEASTMASTER (Series 2)

Role: The Black Apparition

THE LOST WORLD (Series 2)

Role: Witch Doctor

BEASTMASTER (Series 1)

Role: The Black Apparition

WATER RATS (Series 3)

Role: Sarah Lane

FALLEN ANGELS (Series 1)

Role: Sharon Walker (lead)

GP (Series 8)

Role: Donna

POLICE RESCUE (Series 5)

Role: Constable Tracy Davis (Main cast)

THEATRE

THE DROVER'S WIFE

Role: Lead

RADIANCE

Role: Cressey

DON'T TAKE YOUR LOVE TO TOWN

Role: Ruby

THE DARK ROOM

Role: Anni

BLOOD WEDDING

Role: The Mother

Dir: Geoff Bennett & Grant Brown, Playmaker / Nine Network 2016

Goalpost Pictures / ABC 2016

Dir: Jennifer Leacey, Fremantle Media 2015

Dir: Mark Joffe, CJZ / Arresting Television / Nine Network 2015

Dir: Lynn-Maree Danzey, Playmaker / Nine Network 2015

Highwire Films / ABC 2014

Dir: Beck Cole, Blackfella Films / ABC 2013

Dir: Catriona McKenzie, Blackfella Films / ABC 2012

Dir: Shawn Seet, Little Leaf Pictures 2009

Dir: Arnie Cust, Millennium 2008

Dir: Shirley Barrett & Ian Watson, Southern Star 2007

Dir: Jon Avnet, NBC / Hay Pop Pty Ltd 2007

Dir: Cate Shortland, Southern Star 2002

Dir: Colin Budds, Coote Hayes Productions 2001

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Dir: Colin Budds, Telescene Film Group Productions 2001

Dir: Ian Gilmour & Pino Amenta, Coote Hayes Productions 2000

Dir: Chris Martin-Jones, Southern Star 1998

Dir: Various, ABC TV 1997

Dir: Tony Tilse, Roadshow Coote & Carroll, 1996

Dir: Various, Southern Star 1996

Dir: Leticia Cáceres, Company B Belvoir 2016

Dir: Leah Purcell, Company B Belvoir 2015

Co-writer & Dir: Leah Purcell, Downstairs Belvoir 2012

Dir: Leticia Cáceres, Company B Belvoir 2011

Dir: Ian Sinclair, Sydney Theatre Co. 2011

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THE STORY OF MIRACLES AT COOKIES TABLE

Role: Annie (Lead role)

Dir: Leah Purcell, QPAC 2010

KING LEAR

Role: Regan

Dir: Marion Potts, Bell Shakespeare Company 2010

WHEN THE RAIN STOPS FALLING

Role: Gabrielle Law

Dir: Michael Attenborough, Almeida Theatre London 2009

AN OAK TREE (Opening night)

Role: The other person

Dir: Tanya Goldberg, Downstairs Belvoir 2008

THE STORY OF MIRACLES AT COOKIE'S TABLE

Role: Annie (Lead role)

Dir: Marion Potts, Griffin Theatre Co 2007

PARRAMATTA GIRLS

Role: Marlene

Dir: Wesley Enoch, Company B Belvoir Street Theatre 2007

THE GOOD BODY

One Woman Show

Dir: Caroline Stacey, Adrian Bohm Presents, for Adelaide Fringe Festival 2006

STICKYBRICKS

Role: Various

Dir: Scott Rankin, Big hART / Sydney Festival 2006

STUFF HAPPENS

Role: Dr Condeleeza Rice

Dir: Neil Armfield, Company B & Comedy Theatre, Melb 2005

THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES

Benefit Performance.

World V Day, NIDA Parade Theatre, Sydney, Australia 2005

THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES

Main cast

Dir: Leah Purcell, Harold Blair Theatre, Cherbourg, Qld 2004

BOX THE PONY

Role: Leah/Steff

Dir: Sean Mee. Theatre Row, Broadway, New York, USA

BEASTY GIRL: The Secret Life of Errol Flynn

Role: Errol Flynn

Dir: Scott Rankin, Melb Int Arts 2003

BLACK CHICKS TALKING

Role: Elizabeth

Dir: Leah Purcell & Sean Mee. Perth Int Arts Festival 2003

BLACK CHICKS TALKING

Role: Elizabeth

Dir: Leah Purcell & Sean Mee. Playhouse, Syd Opera House Festival 2003

BLACK CHICKS TALKING

Role: Elizabeth

Dir: Leah Purcell & Sean Mee. World Premiere, QLD Perf Arts Centre 2002

THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES

Cast: Leah Purcell, Judy Nunn & Denise Roberts

NIDA Parade Theatre, Sydney

NOWHERE

Role: Vonnie

Dir: Aubrey Mellor, Beckett Theatre, Malthouse. Melbourne International Arts Fest 2001

BOX THE PONY

Role: Leah/Steff

Dir: Sean Mee, Barbican Centre BITE: Arts Fest London 2000

BOX THE PONY

Role: Leah/Steff

Dir: Sean Mee, Playhouse, SOH, Message Sticks Festival 2000

BOX THE PONY

Role: Leah/Steff

Dir: Sean Mee, Cremorne Theatre, QLD Perf Arts Centre 2000

BOX THE PONY

Role: Leah/Steff

Dir: Sean Mee, Company B, Belvoir St. Theatre, Sydney 1999

THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES

Cast: Leah Purcell, Tracey Mann & Brooke Satchwell

Valhalla Cinema, Syd

THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO

Role: Suzanne (lead)

Dir: Neil Armfield, Drama Theatre, SOH Olympic Arts Fest 1998

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Role: Leah/Steff
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THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO
 Role: Suzanne
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 Role: Leah/Steff
BOX THE PONY
 Role: Leah/Steff

STATION 2: Eye of Another
 Role: Lucy (Lead role)
LOW
 Role: Emma
BRAN NUE DAE
 Role: Marijuana Annie (Leading role)

Dir: Sean Mee, VIC Arts Centre, Melb Int Arts Festival 1998
 Dir: Sean Mee, Barracks, Edinburgh Arts Festival, UK
 Dir: Sean Mee, Civic Theatre, Perth Int Arts Festival
 Dir: Neil Armfield, Optus Playhouse, QLD PerfArts Centre 1998
 Dir: Sean Mee, Odeon Theatre, Adelaide Int Arts Fest
 Dir: Sean Mee, *World Premiere, Syd Opera House, Festival of Dreaming 1997
 Odeon Theatre, Adelaide International Arts Festival 1996
 Dir: Sean Mee, Writer: Daniel Keene, La Boite Theatre 1994
 Dir: Andrew Ross, National Tour Australia 1993

WRITER

THE DROVER'S WIFE
 Screenplay
THE DROVER'S WIFE
 Novel
THE DROVER'S WIFE
 Stage play
READY FOR THIS
 Television show
REDFERN NOW (Series 2)
 Episode: Consequences
DON'T TAKE YOUR LOVE TO TOWN
 Stage play, Co-writer with Eamon Flack
SHE. SAY (Short)
 Writer/Director
ACTOR ON A BOX – THE DREAMING
 Writer
NETBALL
 Feature film
BLACK CHICKS TALKING
 Stage play
BLACK CHICKS TALKING
 Book
BLACK CHICKS TALKING
 Documentary
BOX THE PONY
 Book
BOX THE PONY
 Stage play, Co-writer with Scott Rankin

Bunya Productions 2020
 Penguin Randomhouse 2019
 Belvoir Street Theatre 2016
 Blackfella Films 2015
 Blackfella Films 2013
 Belvoir Street Downstairs Theatre 2012
 Premiered at Sydney Film Festival 2012
 Sydney Theatre Comedy 2011
 2006
 2002
 2002
 2002
 1997

DIRECTOR

THE DROVER'S WIFE
 Feature Film
MY LIFE IS MURDER
 TV series

Bunya Productions 2020
 CJZ & Network TEN 2019

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CLEVERMAN (Series 2)

TV series

Goalpost Pictures / ABC Drama 2017

THE SECRET DAUGHTER (Series 1)

TV series

Seven Network, 2016

CLEVERMAN (Series 1)

TV series

Goalpost Pictures / ABC Drama 2016

RADIANCE

Play

Company B at Belvoir Theatre 2015

BROTHERS WRECK

Play

Company B at Belvoir Theatre 2014

REDFERN NOW (Series 2)

"Consequences"

Blackfella Films / ABC 2013

DON'T TAKE YOUR LOVE TO TOWN

One woman show

Belvoir St Theatre 2012

REDFERN NOW (Series 1)

"Sweet Spot"

Blackfella Films / ABC 2012

SHE. SAY (Short)

Writer/Director

Premiered at Sydney Film Festival 2012

STOLEN

ACPA (Aboriginal Centre for the Performing Arts) at the Cremorne Theatre, QPAT 2011

THEATRE IN PRACTICE – STOLEN

Sydney Theatre Company

ACTOR ON A BOX – THE DREAMING

Sydney Theatre Company 2011

AUNTY MAGGIE AND THE WOMBA WOKGUN (Short)

Screen Australia

Bungabura Productions Pty Ltd 2009

THE 7 STAGES OF GRIEVING

Education program

Sydney Theatre Company 2008

REFLECTIONS: Referendum 40 Years and to the Future

Stage play

ACPA / Cremorne Theatre @ QPAC 2008

HOWIE THE ROOKIE

Stage play by Mark O'Rowe

Kooemba Jdarra / Brisbane Powerhouse 2006

THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES

Stage play by Eve Ensler

BLACK CHICKS TALKING

Documentary

Bungabura Productions Pty Ltd 2002

BLACK CHICKS TALKING

Stage play

Bungabura Productions Pty Ltd 2002

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PRESENTER / MC

APRA-AGSC SCREEN MUSIC AWARDS

Presenter

Best Music for a Feature Film Score 2008

GROW

Indigenous Employer Workshops

AUSTRALIAN DIRECTORS GUILD AWARDS

Host

2008

NAIDOC Awards & Ball

Co-host and voice over artist

Canberra 2008

'THEIR SPIRIT STILL SHINES' COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONY, 40th ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1967

REFERENDUM ON RECONCILIATION

MC

Great Big Events, Old Parliament House, Canberra

NAIDOC Awards

MC

Cairns, FaCSIA 2007

GROW

Presenter

Indigenous Employer Workshop



**BYRON KENNEDY AWARD 'COMMITTEE MEMBER' FOR AFI AWARDS
MUSICOZ AWARDS**

Enmore Theatre, Sydney 2006

JOBS, CAREER, FUTURE AWARDS

MC Parliament House, Canberra

CORNERSTONES conference

Director of Presentation

DEADLY AWARDS

Presenter Opera House

ABORIGINAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM

Keynote Speaker

THE SYDNEY FILM FESTIVAL

MC Opening Night

NAIDOC Awards

MC Cairns, FaCSIA 2006

GROW

Presenter Indigenous Employer Workshops

HELPMAN AWARDS

Presenter Lyric Theatre, Star City

HELPMAN AWARD NOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Star City 2005

NATIONAL NAIDOC AWARDS & BALL

MC Adelaide Convention Centre

STOMPEN GROUND CONCERT

Message Sticks, ABC TV Broome, WA

OYSTER COVE MUSIC SPECIAL

Blackout, ABC TV Hobart, TAS

LEAH'S SOUL KITCHEN.

Voice Jockey Red Music Channel (now Foxtel), XYZ Entertainment

MUSIC

NATIONAL ANTHEM – Friday night football @ Suncorp Stadium, In recognition of 1967 Referendum

MUSIC with Alex Raineri @ THE VANGUARD (Stuart Craine producer)

TIDDA KAIA - Theme Song: Black Chicks Talking Documentary (written & sung by Leah Purcell)

NATIONAL ANTHEM – Charity Shield, the return of South Sydney back into NRL (SFS, Sydney, Australia)

GOODWILL GAMES – National Anthem (Boondall Entertainment Centre, Brisbane QLD).

DEADLY AWARDS – Female Indigenous Music Artist of the Year (Sydney Opera House 2000)

SHANIA TWAIN – Support Artist on National Tour – LPG (Leah Purcell Group)

COLOUR ME – Theme Song, Coloured Inn (Sitcom Pilot, ABC TV)

STOMPEN GROUND CONCERT – LPG (Leah Purcell Group), Broome, WA.

SURVIVAL CONCERT – Solo Performance. La Perouse, Sydney, NSW.

VOICE / NARRATION

DIAMONDS IN THE ROUGH

Narrator Documentary / Channel 10

DON'T TAKE YOUR LOVE TO TOWN

Narrator Audio Book by Ruby Langford

AWARDS & NOMINATIONS

2019 LOGIE AWARDS – Nomination, Most Outstanding Actress for Wentworth

2017 AWGIE AWARDS – Winner, Best Play, David Williamson Award for Excellence in Theatre and the Major Award.

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2017 HELPMANN AWARDS – Winner, Best Play, Best New Australian Work & Best Female in a Play The Drover’s Wife
2017 UNESCO City of Film Award at the Sydney Film Festival
2017 VICTORIAN PREMIER LITERARY AWARDS – Winner, Prize for Drama The Drover’s Wife
2017 VICTORIAN PREMIER LITERARY AWARDS – Winner, Prize for Literature The Drover’s Wife by Leah Purcell
2016 SYDNEY THEATRE AWARDS - Winner, Best New Australian Work and Best Mainstage Production The Drover’s Wife
2016 AACTA Award – Nomination, Best Comedy Performance: Black Comedy
2016 AWGIE AWARDS – Winner, Best Writer, Children’s Television: Ready for This: The Birthday Party.
2015 INSTYLE - WOMEN OF STYLE AWARDS: Arts and Culture - Nomination
2013 EQUITY ENSEMBLE AWARDS – Winner, Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a drama series – Redfern Now (Leah Purcell)
2012 ADG AWARDS – Nomination, Best Television Drama Director, Redfern Now
2012 LOGIE AWARDS – Nomination, Most Outstanding Actress in a Television Drama, Redfern Now
2012 AACTA AWARDS – Winner, Best Lead Actress in a Television Drama Redfern Now
2010 MATILDA AWARDS – Winner, Best Female Actor in a Play –The Story of Miracles at Cookie’s Table.
2010 MATILDA TROPHY – for Directing & Acting contribution to Indigenous Community with Arts.
2009 DEADLY AWARDS – Winner, Actor of the Year 2009
2007 DEADLY AWARDS – Winner, Actor of the Year 2007
2008 HELPMAN AWARDS – Winner, Best Actress in a play - The Story of Miracles at Cookie’s Table.
2007 SYDNEY THEATRE AWARDS–Nomination Best Actress in a play - The Story of Miracles at Cookie’s Table.
2007 GLUG THEATRE AWARDS -NORMAN KESSELL MEMORIAL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE BY A LEADING ACTRESS – The Story of Miracles at Cookie’s Table.
2006 BYRON KENNEDY AWARD ‘COMMITTEE MEMBER’ /AFI AWARDS
2006 DEADLY AWARDS – Nomination, Actor of the Year - Jindabyne, feature film
2006 HELPMAN AWARDS – Nomination, Best Actress in a play - Condeleeza Rice in Stuff Happens, Company B.
Recipient of the Inaugural 2006 “Bob Maza Fellowship” – to further the career of Indigenous Artist overseas.
2006 MO AWARDS – Nomination, **Best Actress in a Play for 2005** – for Condeleeza Rice in Stuff Happens.
2006 DEADLY AWARDS – Winner, **Actor of the Year 2005** - for the portrayal of Condeleeza Rice in Stuff Happens.
2004 GREEN ROOM AWARD–Winner, **Best Actress in a play** - Beastly Girl: The Secret Life of Errol Flynn.
2002 IF AWARDS - Winner, **Best Documentary** - Black Chicks Talking
2002 THE LOGIE AWARDS – Nomination **Best Documentary** - Black Chicks Talking
2001 IF AWARDS – Winner, **Best Actress in a Film** - Lantana
2001 HELPMAN AWARDS – Nomination, **Best Actress in a Play** - Box the Pony, stage play.
2001 DEADLY AWARDS – Winner, **Indigenous Female Music Artist of the Year**
2000 QLD PREMIER LITERARY AWARDS – Winner, **Best Play Script** - Box the Pony.
1999 NSW PREMIER LITERARY AWARDS – Winner - **Best Play Script** - Box the Pony.
1996 AFI (Australian Film Institute) AWARDS – Nomination **Best Actress in a TV Drama**. Fallen Angels
1995 DEADLY AWARDS – Winner, **Best New Talent**.
1994 MATILDA AWARDS (Qld theatre awards) – Winner, **Best New Talent**

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